

DRMS Mission

Maximize benefit to the American taxpayer by marketing property the U.S. military no longer needs. DRMS saves taxpayers money by permitting government agencies and certain non-profit organizations to obtain property for reuse free of charge, often eliminating the need to buy new property. Property that is not obtained in this way is sold to private companies and individuals, usually in sealed bid auctions.

Most people know that products that meet Department of Defense specifications are originally of excellent quality. They also know that original U. S. military property generally lasts far longer than comparable civilian products.

The Benefits of Surplus

Obtaining U. S. Government surplus . . .

. . . makes good business sense.

. . . makes sense for America.

. . . makes sense for the environment.

DRMS Profile

DRMS is part of the Defense Logistics Agency, a unit of the Department of Defense. Our headquarters is in Battle Creek, Michigan and we have locations in 21 countries on four continents.

The best way to think about our inventory is to realize that a U.S. military lifestyle has two parts: The military member performing his or her professional job; and families living normal everyday lives inside bases, stations, forts, or depots.

Inventory at a Glance

The inventory DRMS carries is involved in both parts of the military lifestyle, aircraft to air conditioners, radar to radios, shipping materials to ships, clothing to component parts.

Our products are divided into something we call FSCs (Federal Supply Classes) 66 broad classes and 463 sub-classes. They include categories like single engine aircraft, trucks, diesel engines, boring machines, conveyors, fiber rope, power and hand pumps, safety and rescue equipment, plumbing fixtures, rivets, hand tools, paints, oils, fuels, chemicals, batteries and other related commodities.

Our inventory is completely searchable by FSC number, location, or keyword and it's updated every day. That's the key inventory is always changing. So if you don't search it often, you could miss the property you seek.

Property Sales

Private companies and individual customers compete for property by participating in property sales which are ongoing. Usually a sale is for one broad category of property. Property is sold by local open or sealed bid auction, national sealed bid auction, or by negotiated sales when appropriate (e.g., with high-value items).

The first step is to identify the property you want to buy. The key to finding merchandise you want is to determine what it is, where it's located, and the date that you may inspect or bid.

Property for a given sale may be grouped by the DRMO, by a group of DRMOs, or at the national level by combining inventories of several DRMOs throughout the U.S. and Overseas.

When you search for property, item descriptions are usually available along with photos of high value items. If you are awarded auction property, you're responsible for the pick-up and transportation to your location.